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BOARD

) MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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TWENTY-FIRST  
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the cited documents, other than the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications, is enclosed.

With regard to the foreign language references, where English-language equivalents or English-language Abstracts are not available, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider at least the figures of those references. It is noted that the English-language equivalent identified as corresponding to EP 1 165 906, i.e., U. S. Patent No. 6,505,452, was cited in the Seventeenth Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on June 8, 2004.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following copending applications and all of the documents cited therein:

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/341,501, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on January 30, 2006 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0117696A1 of June 8, 2006);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/380,578, naming Darko Pervan and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on April 27, 2006 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0196139A1 of September 7, 2006);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/509,718, naming Tony Pervan as inventor and filed on August 25, 2006 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0283127A1 of December 21, 2006);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/627,971, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on January 28, 2007 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0119110A1 of May 31, 2007);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/635,631, naming Jan Jacobsson as inventor and filed on December 8, 2006 (cited herein as U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0159814A1 of July 12, 2007);

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/521,439, naming Jan Jacobsson and Peter Wingardh as inventors and filed on September 15, 2006;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/635,674, naming Darko Pervan, Christian Boo and Mattias Sjostrand as inventors and filed on December 8, 2006;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/635,633, naming Darko Pervan, Christian Boo, Mattias Sjostrand and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on December 8, 2006;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/643,881, naming Niclas Hakansson as inventor and filed on December 22, 2006;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/649,837, naming Marcus Bergelin and Mats Nilsson as inventors and filed on January 5, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/575,600, naming Darko Pervan, Niclas Hakansson and Per Nygren as inventors and filed on March 20, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/806,478, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on May 31, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/770,771, naming Darko Pervan and Christian Boo as inventors and filed on June 29, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,699, naming Darko Pervan and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,690, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,713, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,715, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

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U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,718, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,717, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,719, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,716, naming Darko Pervan and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,679, naming Darko Pervan and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,689, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,686, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,687, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,688, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,696, naming Darko Pervan and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,697, naming Darko Pervan and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,698, naming Darko Pervan and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,684, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,723, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,692, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,681, naming Darko Pervan, Niclas Hakansson and Per Nygren as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,683, naming Darko Pervan, Jan Peterson and Niclas Hakansson as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,722, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,720, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,682, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,694, naming Jan Jacobsson and Peter Wingardh as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,710, naming Darko Pervan and Christian Boo as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,706, naming Marcus Bergelin and Mats Nilsson as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,707, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,709, naming Niclas Hakansson as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,708, naming Jan Jacobsson as inventor and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,711, naming Darko pervan, Christian Boo, Mattias Sjostrand and Tony Pervan as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/822,712, naming Darko Pervan, Christian Boo and Mattias Sjostrand as inventors and filed on July 9, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/775,885, naming Darko Pervan and Agne Palsson as inventors and filed on July 11, 2007;

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/889,351, naming Darko Pervan, Niclas Hakansson and Per Nygren as inventors and filed on August 10, 2007; and

U. S. Patent Application No. 11/839,259, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on August 15, 2007.

The copending applications and the documents of record in the copending applications are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Since the copending applications are available in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, copies of the copending applications are not required to be submitted. By citation to the copending applications, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending applications under 35 U.S.C. §122.

As noted in MPEP §609, the filing of an information disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Further, in order to fully comply with the duty

of disclosure in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants have cited multiple references for the Examiner to consider. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to fulfill his/her obligation to consider all cited references. However, applicants also highlight the following references:

US 1,371,856

US 2,430,200

US 2,740,167

US 4,426,820

DE 3 041 781 A1

DE 3 343 601 A1/C2

DE 3 538 538 A1

DE 4 130 115 A1

DE 4 242 530 A1

WO 1994/026999 A1

WO 1997/047834 A1

Applicants provide this list for the Examiner's convenience with no warranty or admissions. While an attempt to identify particularly relevant documents has been made, it is possible that cited documents not listed above may be considered more relevant by the Examiner.

The information is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Continued examination was requested in this application and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) paid on September 19, 2007.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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